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1. There is a new modern barracks south of Vác, at the crossing of the Vác-Váchartyán and Budapest-Vác roads, completed in 1951. It can take 1,600 men, and was originally intended for AA troops.
2. At present it is occupied by a communications regiment with the [REDACTED] which is under the IX Armored Corps in Budapest. Actually present at the barracks are only the regimental command and one battalion. The men wear dark blue shoulder boards. The total strength at Vác is 850 to 900 men.
3. This formation is used for training all communications troops belonging to the corps. It is rated as one of the best training formations in the country. The training personnel amounts to 160 persons. They remain constantly at Vác, not having left even during the summer exercise period. The groups who train with the regiment get a six months' course, half of which is theoretical, the other half practical. Men coming to the unit have already completed their basic infantry training.
4. Each soldier becomes a specialist in one branch. The branches are: telephone and radio technology, radio, telephone switchboards and service personnel, general mechanics, listening service, ciphers, light signals, Soviet stenographers for telephone and radio service.
5. Courses are given every morning in classrooms. Afternoons are devoted to actual work with the materiel and to political training. Personnel are allowed to leave the barracks only on Saturday afternoons. Leaves are granted for only four or five days, once a year.

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6. Equipment includes the R/3 radio apparatus, which has a range of only 30 to 50 km, an infantry apparatus produced in Hungary, which was used in World War II; the R/6 radio apparatus, Hungarian-made, which used to be used in planes and tanks; the R/7 radio apparatus for divisional commands, built into a 3.5-ton trucks; and the R/9 and R/12 apparatus, on which data are lacking. There are also light signals of three different types, field telephone equipment, telephone centrals for high commands and generators. The auto park consists of 7 jeeps, 5 Csepel motorcycles, 18 Csepel trucks, 2 shop cars, 24 Tatra and Skoda personnel cars with radio apparatus, 4 trucks with heavy cable drums and 6 R/7 radio cars.

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